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The Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC) is deeply concerned by the recent publication and dissemination of anti-vaccine material from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The potential for harm when reputable health agencies broadcast misinformation about vaccines is significant, and the CDC message serves to undermine public confidence in vaccines.

For more than two decades, high quality, evidence-based research has consistently demonstrated that there is no link between vaccines and autism spectrum disorder (ASD). During this time, extensive research has demonstrated that vaccines are safe and highly effective in preventing serious illness and protecting community health.

ACIPC calls for a renewed focus on factual, peer-reviewed evidence that reinforces the safety of vaccinations. We urge healthcare leaders and public health organisations, within Australia and internationally, to safeguard the public's trust in vaccination, maintain high rates of vaccination coverage, and deliver clear and credible information about vaccine safety.

ACIPC is committed to promoting evidence-based vaccination research and policy recommendations. We are dedicated to strengthening the public's understanding of safe and effective immunisation practices, and continuing collaboration with public health organisations to reduce vaccine hesitancy through education and communication.